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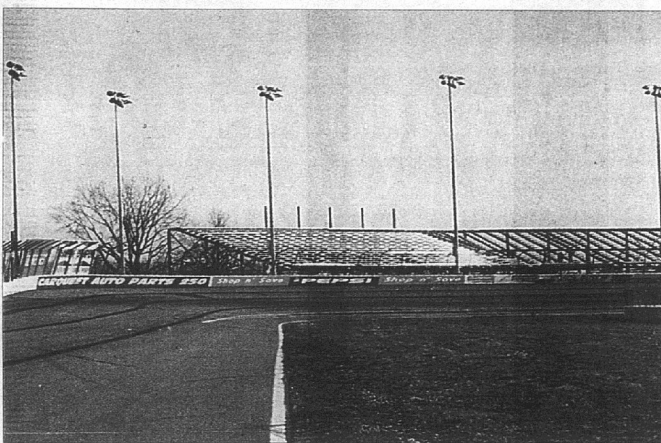
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The new lighting system and new grandstands at Madison's Gateway International Raceway are seen coming out of turn two, known as the Riverbend Turn on the 1.25-mile oval. The lights and stands are part of several improvements being made to the auto racing facility on Illinois 203 for its three major races this year, with a goal of attracting a NASCAR Winston Cup Series race within the near future.

## Gateway getting big facelift for '99 races

Ultimate goal: Bring Winston Cup to track

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

It's getting pretty obvious that there are big changes going on at Gateway International Raceway.

Drivers along Illinois 203 have seen lighting go up around the 1.25-mile oval track and new permanent grandstands at the southern end of the track.

"It's starting to show," GTR President and General Manager Rod Wolter said about the improvements. "The most visible changes have been the demolition of the temporary grandstands and the construction of large permanent grandstands around turns one and two, known as

the Riverbend Turn, at the southern end of the track. When finished this summer, those grandstands will hold an estimated 20,000 people.

Wolter also said they will be so tall, GIR is installing three elevators in the grandstand. "One set in turn two won't be done for the May race (the CART Motorola 300), mainly because we have to put the elevator in and we have to pour a floor for a concourse level," Wolter said. The concourse will have restroom and concession facilities.

"It saves us space and makes it a lot easier for the people," Wolter said. "They have to go halfway down or halfway up."

The new lighting system will allow GIR to conduct night races. Wolter said that will be

an improvement for several reasons. The first reason is because of the growing popularity of motorsports, it will allow night races to be broadcast live on major networks such during prime time.

"ESPN has stepped on board with the NASCAR (Craftsman Truck Series)," he said. "They want to get in and do (the races) in prime time."

It will also allow local race fans to come in for the evening races without using up their entire weekend. By allowing night races during the hottest part of the year, it also opens up more dates in September and October.

Last year, the track avoided

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## Former copper employee pleads guilty

Pollutants allegedly dumped  
in Long Lake for 10 yearsBy Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A former employee of a Hartford copper smelting plant has been charged with conspiring with the company

to violate the Clean Water Act by illegally dumping pollutants into a portion of Long Lake over a 10-year period.

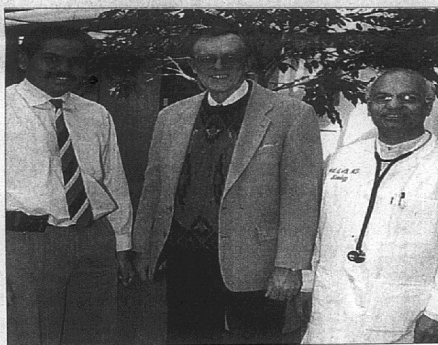
Fra Sidney Campbell, 56, of Brighton, pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis to an information warrant charging him with the felony of conspiring with Chemetco Inc., a secondary copper smelting plant located on Illinois 3 near the Lewis and Clark Historic Site, and others to violate the Clean

Water Act. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said the investigation was "ongoing."

He also declined to say if Chemetco or company officials would be charged. Company officials could not be reached for comment and did not return telephone calls. Campbell was employed as the superintendent of maintenance by the company.

U.S. Attorney W. Charles Grace said that from about September 1988 to Sept. 18, 1999, the facility discharges pollutants including zinc, lead and cadmium into Long Lake through a secret pipe. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said he

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Among the doctors who will be saluted Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center are, from left, child psychiatrist Dr. Ashok Yanamadala, radiologist Dr. Raymond Jablonski and neurologist Dr. Syed Ali.

## SEMC saluting doctors Tuesday

204 physicians make up staff

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

St. Elizabeth Medical Center will join other medical facilities

nationally Tuesday to celebrate Doctors Day.

As an associate of St. Elizabeth's Health Services, I'm continually impressed by the skill and care our physicians apply to every patient, each and every day," said John Mohl, SEMC community relations director.

A total of 204 physicians, specializing in 31 fields, are staffed at St. Elizabeth's. SEMC Medical Staff

Coordinator Deborah Stauffer said physicians in general are often construed as aloof money-makers who care more about their pocketbooks than about their patients.

Stereotyping of that nature, she said, is not true, especially at St. Elizabeth's. "Many of our doctors have donated \$7,500 to upgrade the computer system in the Koch Family Health Center," Stauffer said. "The clinic provides health care for the uninsured and underinsured members of our community."

Stauffer also said physicians have contributed more than

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## Venice school meeting ends in chaos

Several officials walk out, residents again demand resignations

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Venice School Board was able to conduct business Thursday, but the business turned into a four-hour

meeting that ended with several school officials walking out and residents yelling at them to resign.

Much of the business dealt with Superintendent James Doughty and recent controversies in the district. The meeting began in the board office, but the board voted 6-1 to move it to the gym because of all the people attending.

The last regular board meeting was adjourned without conducting any business because of large crowds and the board's refusal to move.

However, after voting to move the meeting, the board also voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel and other matters before going to the gym.

The executive session lasted two hours, and one parent was called into the closed meeting to talk with the board.

In open session, the board approved revising Doughty's contract to give him more time to take required tests for certification as a superintendent in Illinois schools.

The vote was 4-3, with

President Alvester Salmond and Trustees Karen Matkins, Sandra Harris and James Harrell voting in favor. Trustees Metro Pierson, William Tyler and Tyrone Q. Echols voted against the change.

The original contract gave him until April 1, but the board approved giving him until April 10.

Tyler questioned why the board was taking the action, saying it gave the administrators the right to dictate policy to the board. Pierson said the resolution was "inappropriate" and argued that Doughty has had plenty of time to schedule and take the tests.

After that motion was

approved, Echols motioned to take disciplinary action against Doughty for violating the district's operational policy and state school codes including written and oral reprimands and up to termination. That motion was voted down 4-3, with the same vote split as the previous matter.

Tyler then read a copy of a March 19 letter from Illinois State School Superintendent Glenn McGee to Doughty and the board.

In the letter, McGee said he has concerns about the "steady stream" of complaints and said he was "troubled."

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# Madison City Council accepts old MHS property

New fire station, park slated to be built on site

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Madison City Council approved accepting the old Madison Junior High School property on Third Street from the Madison School District.

**METRO EAST** Mayor John Hamm hopes to build a new fire station and park on the property.

At its March 18 meeting, the Madison School Board agreed to transfer ownership of the property. The council also approved having the property appraised. Hamm said that is the first step toward building a new fire station.

Hamm also said he plans to talk to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources about

grants to turn the remaining property into parkland. The property is expected to be included in the final addition to the city's tax increment financing district sometime later this year.

If the property is in the TIF, Hamm said TIF funds could pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of a new fire station.

The TIF expansion would also include East Madison and recently annexed properties in St. Clair County. Hamm said they are still considering whether to attempt annexation of the Cloverleaf Subdivision.

Expanding the TIF will probably take several months. A major step is expected to be an agreement between the city, the village of Fairmont City and St. Clair County over municipal boundaries in the former village of National

City. Officials were expected to meet late last week to discuss and perhaps finalize the agreement. The actual boundaries have not been disclosed, but it is expected that Fairmont City would keep the St. Louis National Stockyard property, which it annexed in December.

Annexation and border disputes about the former National City has been the source of much conflict, including a lawsuit filed against the city of Madison by the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office last year. It is expected that the agreement would settle all of those issues.

A similar agreement was reached with Madison County and Granite City over Madison's annexation of Chouteau Island.



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## Madison donation

The city of Madison recently donated \$1,500 to Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich's SWAT team. Accepting the donation are, from left, Terry Davis, Bob Churchich, Norm Nilsson and Madison Mayor John Hamm. The donation will go to purchase equipment for the team.

## Police Blotter

### Granite City Police

**BURGLARY:** A tool shed in the 1800 block of August was burglarized at about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Someone who entered through the front of the shed around stole Craftsman tools valued at about \$500.

**BATTERY:** Russell English, 36, of 2440 Kilarney, was charged Wednesday with battery and disorderly conduct.

The charges stemmed from an altercation at a Granite City bar.

**POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:** Billy Merchant, 28, of 4648 Kathy Drive, was charged Thursday with possession of a controlled substance.

Merchant was taken into custody by Granite City Police on an outstanding warrant.

### Madison County Sheriff's Department

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** An employee at the office of Dr. J.L. Bauer, 4739 Maryville Road, Granite City, reported that sometime between the evening of March 19 and the morning of March 20, someone damaged the mailbox and scattered mail over the lawn. Damage was estimated at \$50 to \$70.

**WARRANT ARREST:** Lana Jo Stovall, 42, of Edwardsville turned herself in to the Madison County Sheriff's Department at 6:45 p.m.

March 25 on an outstanding warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

### Venice Police

**HOME INVASION:** Three men armed with handguns kicked in the door of a Venice residence late Monday evening, told the occupant they were police and ransacked the house, apparently looking for drugs.

According to reports, officers responded to a report of a home invasion in the 1200 block of Robin Street at about 11 p.m.

The victim said she had been in the house with her two small children when she heard someone talking on the front

porch. She looked through a window and saw three men, and as she entered the living room, one of the men kicked in the front door.

The three entered, displayed handguns and told her "freeze, police," according to the report. They said they were looking for money and drugs and ransacked the house. After finding nothing, they fled southbound on Robin Street to a car near the intersection of Robin and Broadway.

No further information was available. **BATTERY:** Angelo Baker, 40, of the 600 block of Jefferson Street, Venice, was charged with misdemeanor battery following a March 18 incident in a Venice bar.

According to reports, on

March 18, the victim said she had entered the Golden Fleece Lounge at 801 S. Fourth St. to speak to a friend, then left after a few minutes.

As she was leaving, the victim said she saw Baker and talked to him. Baker allegedly became angry and struck the victim, then kicked her.

The victim said she waited several days to report the incident because Baker had told her not to and the victim's mother finally convinced her. The victim signed a battery complaint against Baker.

### Madison Police

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:** A Granite City man was charged

Tuesday with numerous traffic violations after he was arrested by Madison Police.

Jack A. Wilson, 31, of the 4900 block of Bruens, Granite City, was charged with five counts of disobeying a stop sign and one count each of failure to stop, failure to signal, failure to wear a seat belt and driving with a suspended license.

According to reports, two officers were standing in the 900 block of Greenwood Street when one of the officers allegedly observed Wilson run a stop sign. The officer followed Wilson and finally pulled him over in the 1500 block of 13th Street.

## In Brief

### Partnership sets open house

The Venice School District Partnership for Kids early childhood education program will have an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April

9, in the kindergarten annex, located behind the school board office at 700 Broadway.

The program, paid for by a state grant, offers parent/child learning activities both at home and at the school. It also has group activities for both parents and children, newsletter updates, a toy and

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## Pontoon Beach hall plans put on hold after Shooter's sale

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The sale of the old Shooter's

**PONTOON BEACH**

Pontoon Beach officials' plans for a new village hall.

Tuesday's meeting included a letter from real estate agent Bob Simon of CVM Realty Inc. to Mayor Glen Wilson, saying that the building, located at 77 Chouteau Trace Parkway, has been sold.

In the letter, Simon also told Wilson about other property available in the village.

Simon said Thursday that the Shooter's property is expected to be a chain-style restaurant, but could not disclose details. He said more information would probably be available after the purchase officially closes in mid-April.

The present village hall, located at 3910 Illinois 111, is a former church that is becoming increasingly cramped.

The board has wrestled with the problem several times in the past, but was never able to reach a consensus.

Several years ago, the board considered purchasing the land next to the Village Hall, but

that was voted down.

The board recently held a special meeting to reconsider the purchase of the adjoining property after the owner offered to sell it for about \$100,000, but Wilson said that during that meeting, board members seemed more interested in the Shooters 270 proposal.

In November 1997, the board approved spending \$3,500 to hire an architect to develop a preliminary plan to convert the Shooters building. However, the deal fell through soon after, until it was recently resurrected.



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### Doing their part

Local Girl Scouts and their leaders recently collected canned goods for Protestant Welfare's food bank in the Tri-Cities area as a community service project. Food collected will go to the needy in Granite City, Madison and Venice. Girl Scouts are involved in many service projects, such as this, nationwide.

## Venice school officials slate meeting with Urban League

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League, will meet with officials from the Venice School District and others to discuss education initiatives, including a \$700,000 grant that was recently awarded to the district.

Venice School Superintendent

Money from the \$700,000 joint Urban League-federal government grant will go to fund a three-year tutoring program at the grade school and the high school. It is part of an effort to improve grades and test scores at both schools, which have been among the lowest in the state.

James Doughty announced the meeting Thursday at the Venice School Board meeting.

Money from the grant — through a joint program with the Urban League and the U.S. Department of Education — will be used to fund a three-year tutoring program at the grade school and high school. The program is part of an effort to improve grade and test scores. The district has been criticized in the past few years for having some of the lowest test scores in the state and was on the Illinois State Board of Education's academic watch list last year, but was removed this year after some improvements.

Schools are named to the list if more than 50 percent of students tested are scored as having not met state standards, or test scores go down three years in a row.

Madison Middle School, Madison High School and all three schools in the Lovejoy School District were also named to the list. All but Madison High School were removed this year.

The meeting with Price will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Advanced Technology Center at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

Dr. Dale Chapman, chairman of the Madison County Urban League Board of Directors, will host the meeting.

Doughty said the program is under way at the elementary level with about 125 participants and that he expects it to start in the high school in the near future.

In other business, the board approved appointing Peter Ponce as interim director of Venice/Lincoln Tech.

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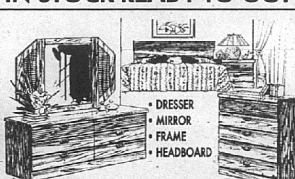
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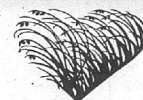
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# It's all an illusion at the Statehouse

What you think happens a lot  
different from what goes on

A whole lot of what goes on at the Illinois Statehouse is an illusion. Bills are routinely introduced and voted on not to make laws, but to create the image that something is being done.



Rich Miller

For example, over the past few years, Democrats and Republicans have been dancing around the politically popular HMO reform issue, passing several get-tough bills almost solely designed to demonstrate to the folks back home that the legislature cares.

To be fair, it's not a completely empty exercise. Voting for HMO reform has put care companies and business association lobbyists on notice that lawmakers want something done. And the bills serve as a warning that the legislature might just get its act together enough one day to move

a bill all the way to the governor's desk unless the industry changes its ways soon.

But even then the threat of possible future action, legislative votes on issues like HMO reform always have a hollow ring to them. Everyone knows that the bills at hand mean nothing, yet they go through the motions, sometimes even allowing themselves to get caught up for a moment or two.

A long House floor debate recently over the reinstatement of the obscure Structural Work Act became heated several times, even though the bill is essentially meaningless because it has no chance of becoming law in the foreseeable future.

House members were simply visiting union lobbyists, who were in town for a couple of days to take their annual shot in reinstating a law that the Republicans repealed in 1995 when they had total control of the legislature.

Illinois was one of the only states with a Structural Work Act back then. The law allowed injured construction workers to sue contractors who aren't their employers for compensation.

Repealing the Structural Work Act was a huge moment for the Republican-controlled legislature. It was seen as a message to Democratic-leaning personal injury lawyers and labor unions that a new sheriff was in town.

So the House gallery was filled with labor lobbyists the other day when the House Democrats, back in the majority, voted to repeal the repeal. The bill is going absolutely nowhere in the Senate, but the vote gave the Democrats a chance to demonstrate to the unions that they were their true friends and those bad Republicans who voted against the bill were the enemy, unworthy of their generous campaign contributions.

That message was mainly meant for trade unions, which were once protected by the Structural Work Act but have continued to endorse Republican candidates.

These symbolic votes usually get most of the attention, while the real meat of the legislature—innocuous-sounding little bills designed to help "narrow constituencies"—goes mostly unnoticed by outsiders.

A couple of those little bills caught my attention the other day when they passed our the Senate Revenue Committee with zero fanfare.

One of the bills would give Bloomington-based State Farm Insurance Co. a break on the sales taxes it pays on certain equipment. The company's lobbyist explained to the committee that it would have no choice but to purchase the equipment in a lower-tax state—which would hurt local businesses—if it didn't get the tax break.

The bill passed unanimously and is expected to fly through the Senate.

The other bill would give the Gas Research Institute a major break on its property taxes to keep it from moving. The bill zoomed out of the committee.

Some would call this "corporate welfare." Others would say it's smart government to help business thrive.

Notice, though, who gets the fantasy and who gets the goodies.

Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.

## Opinions



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Like it or not, it's toe-testing time again.

Never mind that we're well over a year-and-a-half months away from the quadrennial party circus, the faint notes of the calliope are beginning to sound and the wannabes are dipping their digits to check the water temperature.

True, to date, a large number of these aspirants for our highest office have not yet announced themselves as such, but if they look like, sound like, and smell like one, they're wannabe candidates.

The exploratory committees are doing the actual testing of the waters, as well as getting their man (or woman) the necessary media coverage.

When they sense that there's sufficient voter support and, more importantly, financial backing, they can form and organize committees, which entitles them to receive federal matching funds. Very important.

Recall the cynical master of ceremonies in "Cabaret" who told us that money "makes the world go around." Politics, and even the decision of where



Carol Clarkin

the Olympic Games will be held, are no exception.

As I write, two men have actually announced their candidacy. Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire and the combative super-conservative Pat Buchanan. Both Republicans.

Smith is little known by most of us, but Buchanan's another story and enters the arena for the third time in typical fashion. He's going to "clean up all that pollutes our culture and heal the soul of America." He closed his announcement

speech with, "As we say, mount up and ride to the sound of guns!"

They don't call him "Pugnacious Pat" for nothing. Then there's the long list of Republicans who may or may not decide to dive in. Gary Bauer (who's he? many will ask), Steve Forbes, who could probably finance his own campaign without help. Rep. John Kasich of Ohio. Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Former Vice President Dan Quayle. Elizabeth Dole. Texas Gov. George W. Bush, son of our former president and, at the moment, looking like a front runner. The woods are full of 'em.

On the other side of the fence, we have only two. Vice President Al Gore, who's made no formal announcement, but we can safely assume one is on the way. And former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, who's reportedly thinking the matter over.

Personally, I hope he decides to run, if only because I want to see a little competition. Both Gore and Bradley appear to be squeaky-clean guys, but

you never know, and I'm sure morality is going to be a big noisy issue come campaign time.

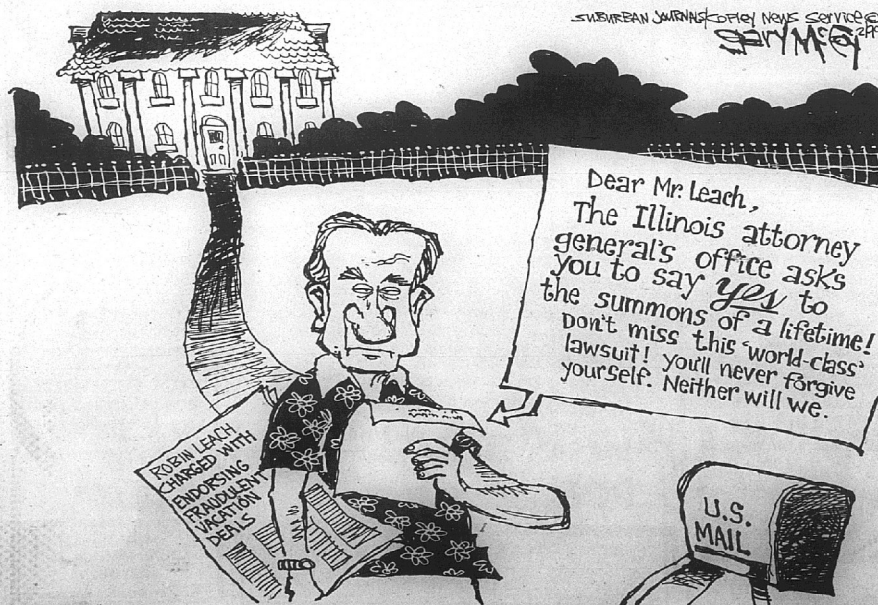
While Gore is a really nice-looking big fellow, he's stiff as a board and when he smiles, he looks a tad constipated. Kinda like Bob Dole used to smile.

During the interim, before the actual, eventual opponents put on the gloves, I think it's safe to say that we needn't expect to see Congress and/or the present incumbent do much about the oft-touted reform of Medicare or Social Security. Like morality, those are going to be saved for pre-election campaigns.

And it might not hurt us to remember what P.J. O'Rourke once wrote of both American political parties. "Both are guilty of mindless sports-fan behavior, rag-gagging gluttony for political office and ideology without ideas."

Ain't we got fun!

Carol Clarkin of Edwardsville is a retired newspaper reporter and editor.



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## Obituaries

### Richard Biggs

**RICHARD D. BIGGS**, 66, of Garden Grove, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, March 19, 1999.

Mr. Biggs was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Betty Biggs; three sons, Rich, of O'Fallon, and Gary and Steve, both of Garden Grove, Calif.; two daughters, Barbara Ann of Pennsylvania and Valerie Romero of Garden Grove, Calif.; two sisters, Virginia Montemagno of Hemet, Calif., and Thelma Zimmermann of Edwardsville; one brother, Luther Biggs of Glen Carbon; and five grandchildren.

### Vernon Gan Sr.

**VERNON C. GAN SR.**, 67, of Coffeen, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo. Mr. Gan was born Jan. 10, 1932, in Tennessee. He was an expeditor for Granite City Steel for 30 years and retired in 1975. He was an active Shriner and a 32nd-degree Mason.

Survivor include his wife, Linda (Williams-Combs) Gan, whom he married Aug. 24, 1978, in Granite City; four sons, Vernon Gan Jr. of Livingston, Norman Gan of Greenville, Tony Gan of Greenville and

Mark Gan of St. Peters, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Jackie Combs of Coffeen and Jaya Brandon of Montgomery, Texas; one stepson, Jeff Combs of Coffeen; one brother, Gary Gan of Bunker Hill; one sister, Patricia Robinson-Gan of Atlanta; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Christopher and Lillian (Mitchell) Gan; and one brother, Adron Gan.

Gravestone services were held Saturday, March 27, at Griffith Cemetery in Brownstown.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63131.

May-Kessel Funeral Home in St. Elmo handled the arrangements.

### Dorothea Gaumer

**DOROTHEA M. (MC CABE) GAUMER**, 91, of Granite City, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at her residence.

Mrs. Gaumer was born March 24, 1908, in Madison. She had worked as an assistant to Dr. Leslie Darnier in Granite City and was a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her son, William Gaumer Sr. of Granite City; three

grandchildren, Steven Gaumer, Jennifer Gaumer Spiloff and William Gaumer Jr., all of Granite City; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Gaumer; her parents, Robert McCabe and Grace (Rowden) Hill; and one son, Donald Gaumer.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the funeral home, with the Rev. William Davis officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the church are suggested.

### Theodore Jacobs

**THEODORE M. JACOBS**, 67, of Pontoon Beach, died Saturday, March 20, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Jacobs was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Granite City. He was retired from the YMCA and was a member Central Methodist Church and worked at General Steel for five years and the U.S. Army Depot for seven years.

Survivors include his wife, Janita (McCoy) Jacobs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Emma (Roller) Jacobs.

Private services were held. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Central Methodist Church.

### Edward Lyerla

**EDWARD N. LYERLA**, 77, of Granite City, died Thursday, March 25, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Lyerla was born Aug. 19, 1921, in Alto Pass. He was a retired carpenter from Carpenters Local 10 and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel (Turner) Lyerla; four sons, Roger Lyerla of Hawaii, Roger Lyerla of Collinsville, Dale Purdum of Tennessee and John Purdum of Abilene, Texas; five sisters, Margaret Dudley of Granite City, Janita Combs of New Baden, Bonnie Bridges of Madison, Gladys Jones of Jonesboro and Shelby Francis of Macedonia; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Osta (Allan) Lyerla; one son, Earl Purdum; one grandson, Zack Lyerla; three sisters, Arline Doolley, Mary Jo Harris and

Brenda Lyerla; and two brothers, Wayne Lyerla and Ernest Lyerla.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, March 28, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Sherman Smith officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

### Genevieve Ridenhour

**GENEVIEVE (PRITCHETT) RIDENHOUR**, 96, of Granite City, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Ridenhour was born Oct. 23, 1902, in DeSoto, Mo. She was a homemaker and a member of Grace Baptist Church, Women of the Moose 272 and Disabled American Veterans Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include her four sisters, Alta Metcalf of Las Vegas, Alvinette Metcalf of Arnold, Mo., and Frieda Crawford and Juanita Rosenberg, both of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Ridenhour; her parents, John and Ann (Kincaid) Pritchett; three sons, Edward, Raymond, and William; two brothers and one sister.

Services were held Saturday, March 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

with the Rev. John Gambin officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

### Frank Stavelly

**FRANK J. STAVELLY**, 89, of Granite City, died March 23, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Stavelly was born July 1, 1909, in Stewart County, Tenn. He was retired from Granite City Steel as a steel pourer and was a World War I U.S. Navy veteran, seeing action in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his son, Darrell Stavelly of Granite City; one daughter, Barbara Nicholson of McEwen, Tenn.; one brother, Charlie Stavelly of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two sisters, Mabel Thomas of Knoxville, Tenn., and Bess Lancaster of Dover, Tenn.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude (Covey) Stavelly; his parents, Joe and Minnie (Parker) Stavelly; and one brother, Robert Stavelly.

Services were held Friday, March 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Stephen Greer officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City with military rites.

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## Kosovo airstrikes draw sharp area reaction

By Darryl Howlett  
Staff writer

An area veteran and politicians last week were reacting to airstrikes against Yugoslavia, particularly the province of Kosovo.

"They should have gone in

there 10 years ago," said Gerald Corrigan, 65, of Alton, a Korean War veteran with the U.S. Air Force. "They were over there killing their own people 10 years ago."

Corrigan said he would approve of sending U.S. ground troops to the conflict.

"If it has to be, it has to be," he said. "Slobodan Milosevic is a dictator. He should be removed."

Corrigan said that if ground troops are used, the percentage of American soldiers should equal that of

NATO's.

"The United States should be equal partners," he said.

"Whenever something happens, the United States gets blamed (for the conflict)," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, released a statement pertaining to the airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the brave Americans who are serving this nation today over Yugoslavia," he said. "It is my sincere hope these airstrikes will finally bring peace to the Balkans."

Great risks are involved in these airstrikes, but greater risks face us if we do nothing. The United States cannot and should not stand by while innocent civilians are killed. It is in our national interest to prevent a wider war and promote stability in Europe.

"It is clear Milosevic had no intention of ending the bloodshed and resolving this peacefully. It is equally clear that our NATO allies have reached their limit with Milosevic's policy of ethnic cleansing. These 18 nations are unanimous in their commitment and asked the United States to lead in the airstrikes because of our leadership in that field."

"It is my opinion that we made the right decision in joining other nations in this campaign."

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, said he disagreed with President Clinton's reasoning on the conflict.

"I am disappointed that the situation could not be resolved peacefully," Shimkus said.

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## SEMC pays honor to its doctors Tuesday

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\$22,000 to WINGS (We Are Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth's) fund-raising campaign.

Donna Fisher, director of organizing training and development at SEMC, said their contributions not only have aided the facility, but have also benefited patients.

"We have conducted community skin cancer screenings for several years. Doctors have assisted on their own time," Fisher

said. "They also have helped provide prostate cancer screenings and have appeared as guest speakers for community events."

The number of physicians, Fisher said, who have donated their time to provide education for community and staff are far "too numerous to list."

Dr. Edward Wolff, a staff member and director of family protection at Heartland Health Care in Troy, said he has always maintained an "up close and personal" commitment to his patients and has taken

his own time to make his professional knowledge known to the community.

Dr. Syed Ali, the newly elected president of St. Elizabeth's medical staff, said it is imperative that physicians donate generously to the needy and underprivileged.

"We make more money, as a profession, than most," Ali said. "It is our responsibility to help those who are not fortunate enough to help themselves. It is ethically correct to do so."

## Venice school meeting ends in chaos

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with the failure of the district to work with monitors sent to check on programs.

McGee also said he was "assembling a team of staff members" to assist the district if needed.

Doughty said that since the letter was sent, several ISBE monitors have been to the school and visits have

been scheduled with others.

Lee Milner, a spokesman for the ISBE, confirmed Friday that monitors had been to the district since the letter was sent, but reports have not been prepared yet.

"There were some concerns that some of our staff had not been given full cooperation," he said. "The letter is pretty well self-explanatory."

During public input at the

board meeting, residents continued criticizing the board and Doughty.

Toward the end, Salmond, Doughty and board attorney Benjamin Edwards left the meeting, drawing criticism from other board members and the public.

After more confrontation, much of it directed at Harrell, the meeting adjourned.

## GIR making major facility improvements

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major events during July and August, in part, because of major heat-related problems with the track in 1997, especially during the running of the NASCAR Busch Grand National race. The track softened and began breaking up because of the intense heat, causing several crashes and prolonging the race.

At this time, Wolter said they will be able to schedule more "secondary events,"

such as the USAC Silver Crown sprint car series, in the fall.

Wolter said track officials are hoping both the improved seating and more available track dates eventually leads to the announcement of a NASCAR Winston Cup Series race at Gateway.

"We're looking to get us a Winston Cup date," he said. "We don't know exactly when that will happen."

One improvement planned for the track will have to wait a little bit, however. Wolter said track officials want to

install a tunnel under the track, but because of water problems, the project will be delayed until fall.

"We've got all the drawings," he said. "The water table is the lowest in the fall."

Wolter said the plan to have the tunnel completed by December, which would give them several months to allow soil to compact. "Then, when we redo the blacktop, we won't get any settling," Wolter said. "We don't want any kind of a dip or anything they (the drivers) have to go through."

## Former copper plant employee indicted

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believed that the portion of Long Lake involved had been cut off from the larger part of the lake that goes through Pontoon Beach into Horseshoe Lake, and the potential contamination was confined to a limited area.

According to a press release issued by Grace Thursday, Campbell used several employees from his own

business, Industrial Fabrication and Repair Inc., to install the secret discharge pipe at Chemetco.

Campbell left the company in 1988, but Chemetco allegedly continued to discharge pollution from the secret pipe until it was discovered by inspectors from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Sept. 18, 1996. Sentencing was set for 9:30

a.m. Aug. 20 in East St. Louis. Campbell faces a maximum of five years in prison, fines of \$250,000 and three years supervised release.

The case was handled by the Environmental Task Force for the Southern District of Illinois and was investigated by special agents of the Illinois State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

## Fire destroys abandoned mobile home

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

Flames engulfed an abandoned mobile home in the 400 block of West Pontoon Road early Friday morning.

The fire has been defined as incendiary, which means arson could have been involved, a.m.

The mobile home is the property of Gateway Auto Auction. The auction company, according to an employee, intended to sell the home, which it did not use.

It was not known when the fire began. When firefighters from the Granite City Fire Department arrived on the scene at 1:01 a.m., they found the mobile home in flames.

The fire, according to a fire department report, was quickly brought under control.

Firefighters had to return to the mobile home at 4:35 a.m. to put out a small fire that, according to the report, had rekindled.

The original fire started in a dining area before spreading throughout the structure. Property damage has been estimated at about \$3,000.

According to Granite City police, around 12:30 a.m.,

someone driving on Illinois 3 saw flames shooting from the property. The individual who observed the blaze drove to

Wal-Mart to dial 911. A possible motive for the fire is being investigated by Granite City Police.

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# Great 'True Crime' really Dirty Harry as newspaper reporter

By all accounts, Steve Everett is a loser. He had been fired by The New York Times for some charge or another and has become a reporter for the Oakland Tribune. He has already messed up on an important story, and his employment is again in jeopardy.

Everett also is an alcoholic, barely hanging on to two months of sobriety. He insists on smoking in the city room despite the law. He neglects his wife and young daughter and is on the make for any attractive young woman he meets.

One of his conquests is the wife of his city editor, who has been Everett's nemesis. Everett remains on the paper through the patronage of the editor-in-chief, who resists firing his sometime friend for an important reason: He is one heckuva reporter. This is the framework for "True Crime," Clint Eastwood's 18th film as a director and star. Steve Everett is tailor-made for Eastwood; he's a hard-bitten free spirit with questionable morals but an instinct for what is fair and good.

Sort of Dirty Harry with a computer. Because a young reporter (Mary McCormack) is killed in a car crash after a bar session with Everett, he is assigned to do a "human interest story," seeking the reflections of a man scheduled to die by lethal injection at San Quentin prison at 12:01 that night. A meeting with the condemned man (Isaiah Washington) proceeds predictably, but Everett hears something that causes his nose to respond (he claims his nose always tells him when he comes across an important story). But he has less than a dozen hours to track down the clues. Meanwhile, he has to deal with a doubting editor-in-chief (James Woods) and a city editor (Denis Leary) who has learned of his wife's infidelity with Everett.

Meanwhile, Everett's wife (Diane Venora) knows of the affair. There's also a succession of dead ends in his search for the truth. "True Crime" is pure Eastwood. The dialogue is crisp and sardonic, the action gripping. The face may be more lined, the voice more raspy, but the same laid-back authority remains. He has chosen his fellow players well. Washington brings credibility to the condemned man, professing his innocence but prepared for his fate as a born-again Christian. Lisa Gay Hamilton adds sympathy as his wife. What a rare pleasure to see two real pros, Eastwood and Woods, sparring verbally like a pair of heavyweight boxers. Comedian Leary displays a strong presence as the city editor with more than one reason to claim the reporter's scalp.

As director, Eastwood has a clear perception of how to keep a story flowing and how to draw the best from his actors. He knows suspense, the countdown to the execution is almost unbearable. Movies about the newspaper life have been in short supply since "All the President's Men" (television reporters seem more *au courant*). It's refreshing to see a present-day print reporter, even one over the hill, hunt down a story that makes a difference. "True Crime" is a Warner Bros. release produced by Richard Zanuck and Lili Fini Zanuck. Written by Larry Gross, Paul Brickman and Steven Schiff based on the novel by Tom Rooker. Running time: 127 minutes. — Associated Press

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**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Security comes from building a relationship with yourself rather than depending too heavily on friends or lovers. Behind-the-scenes mobility and secret support are found when you least expect them.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be caught in the grip of a deal too good to pass up, but unrelated to your goals. Be open-minded about what will bring you ultimate good.  
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# Costello pledges support to keep Laclede Steel plant open

Leaders: It's a matter of economic survival

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello is teaming up with congressional leaders to pass bills to restrict steel imports and offer loans to save Laclede Steel Co. in Alton.

## METRO EAST

"The survival of Laclede and other steel companies — and thousands of jobs — depends on stopping cheap foreign steel imports that are glutting the U.S. market," Costello said. Costello pledged his support to help keep Laclede Steel Co. open at a meeting of mayors and business leaders at Geno's 140 Club in Bethalto. Laclede officials and United Steelworkers Union leaders are attempting to work out a financing plan to save Laclede from bankruptcy. Laclede filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Nov. 30 in St. Louis in a move to reorganize the company and

keep the Alton plant and five others operating. Costello, D-Belleville, is joining forces with U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, to pass a bill restricting steel imports. With strong support from Costello and Shimkus, the steel bill passed the House and now heads for the Senate, where Durbin will urge senators to pass the restrictions on steel imports.

"Laclede Steel Co. is facing bankruptcy and efforts are under way just to keep the plant open," Costello said in a strong speech on the House floor. "I urge Congress and the Clinton Administration to take immediate action to end illegal foreign imports of steel." Costello, Shimkus and Durbin are pushing a second bill in the U.S. Senate for emergency loans to save Laclede and other floundering U.S. steel companies. The emergency loan bill could help

Laclede obtain an estimated \$50 million in financing to begin major capital improvements at the Alton plant, said Michael Lane, executive vice president and chief financial officer at Laclede.

The multimillion dollar improvements would help "ensure the future success of the Alton plant and secure the jobs provided by the plant," Lane said in a letter sent to the Illinois delegation in Congress.

The major improvements would be made in the electric melt shop and big steel bar mill at Laclede. If Laclede is unable to successfully reorganize in bankruptcy court and become a viable company, the economic impact on Alton and surrounding areas could be devastating, Lane said.

The Laclede plant and 620 jobs can be saved if the union, Laclede, and leaders work together, he added.

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# By its very nature, spring represents the miracle of rebirth

Every year, the whole of nature gives witness to the resurrection of life, the miraculous season of rebirth. Tulips bloom and crocuses lift their heads. Daffodils, jonquills and sweet-smelling narcissus come forth out of the apparently barren Mother Earth.

Trees announce with promising buds their fullness to come. The Easter lily looks like a pure, white angel, trumpet declaring the glory of new life and that all things shall live again. Let us consider spring as we have never considered it before, taking it personally

into our hearts and becoming one with its promise. It symbolizes that no matter how you lived before, you can have a rebirth where your whole spirit is fresh and new.

Be at peace with this joyous time of the singing birds, velvet grass, butterflies and nodding flowers. Let God's love warm you like rays of sunshine enveloping all. Oh, how I yearn to plant blossoms upon blossoms of these heaven-sent beauties in my garden, delicate lilies of the valley, pretty pansies and violets. Every little innocent flower will breathe God's love back to me.

With a light breeze the flowers' love will flow right back into my waiting soul. As the tightly closed bud feels the warmth of the sun and begins to open, turn your thoughts to God's word and feel the warmth of His life and love to make you a new creation. You can look at any flower, tree or sunset and see your Father in heaven.

Everything He created tells us something about Him. He is tender and precious, majestic

and beautiful. All that we create tells something about us. Let us create harmony in our homes, our businesses and in the lives of others.

We all have been through trials and heartaches that left us feeling like the barren branches of the winter's chill. But as we search deep in our hearts, way down deep as the trees' sap, we will find hidden the spark of precious new life. Even if we have to go as far back as little children and be reminded of the sweet song, "Jesus loves me...this, I know, for the bible tells me so..." God is hidden in simplicity. Bring that little song up from the depth of your soul, to your heart, up to a mouth to sing it and eyes to shine it forth.

Repeat precious inspiring words again and again until they drop from your mind into your heart, then they will become a part of a new you. Like reader Anita Brunette wrote, "When I read your column it was so comforting I cut it out of the paper and laminated it. I read it over and over again."

Blossoming, like a beautiful

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

flower, let our arms and hands show deeds of love. God's love never fails. His mercies are new every morning. With childlike faith, lift up your arms like the branches of the trees and praise God that another spring has been given. Let us make the resurrection of life be more apparent in our hearts than the world we see around us.

Begin to react to the warm love light of the Creator and He will give you new life. Stir up your mind to consider Him, your mouth to speak His love and your heart to know that you are of great value to Him, more precious than diamonds and rubies.

Come alive again this spring with your whole being, turn and embrace all of God's promises especially this one, "Behold, I make all things new." Let the transforming love of this Easter be the beginning of a new creation, "A new you."

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## Eye Health Advisory

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**Cataracts and Cataract Surgery**  
What you need to know about cataracts and the latest advances in cataract surgery

by Wen Y. Chen, MD, PhD  
Illinois Eye Specialists

Almost everyone will develop cataracts if they live long enough. In fact, over one million Americans will have cataract surgery this year. A cataract occurs when the natural lens of the eye becomes cloudy. They can be related to aging, sun exposure, use of some medications, disease processes, trauma to the eye, heredity, and tobacco use.

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# Costello urges completion of I-255 corridor to Godfrey

By Ande Yakits  
Staff writer

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U.S.  
Rep.  
"Perry  
Costello

has urged Illinois Gov. George Ryan to spend federal funds to complete extension of Illinois 255 from Wood River to Godfrey.

The extension of Route 255 from Wood River to Route 67 at Godfrey will open the area to commerce, economic development and jobs," Costello, D-Bellefonte, told a gathering of mayors and business leaders Monday at Ceno's 140 Club in Bethalto.

Costello said that he asked the governor to place the completion of Route 255 at the top of a list of highway projects in an estimated \$1 billion in federal highway funds allotted to Illinois in the next five years.

Route 255 currently extends from Interstate 270 in Edwardsville to Illinois 143 in Wood River, where the road is stalled due to lack of funds. "I'm pushing the state of Illinois to get the Route 255 project moving and completed," Costello said.

An estimated \$75 million is needed to complete the extension of Illinois 255 from Wood River to Bethalto and \$110 million to extend the road on to Godfrey.

Bethalto Mayor Steve Bryant commended Costello for personally lobbying to urge the state to start construction again on the vital highway through the River Bend.

"The highway is important for residential development in the Bethalto area," said Bryant, who hosted the meeting for Costello and local mayors.

Godfrey Mayor Michael Campion is also campaigning to complete the highway to Godfrey.

"The highway will open Godfrey and the entire area to commercial and residential development," Campion said.

The state has awarded a contract to begin the design for the \$7 million Lewis and Clark interpretive history center in Hartford, Costello told the civic leaders.

"Construction on the Lewis and Clark interpretive center will begin next year," Costello said. "It will be a world-class facility."

The center will show the history of Capt. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who

camped near the site in the winter of 1803-04 before starting their famous exploration of the Northwest Territory. Costello was successful in pushing a bill through Congress to win a \$4

million appropriation to help build the center. "The Lewis and Clark Park was the only interpretive center funded by Congress in 1998," Costello said proudly. State Rep. Steve Davis,

D-Bethalto, and State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, helped push a \$3 million state appropriation through the state Legislature for the interpretive center. Construction of the center in

Hartford will be completed for the 200th birthday of the Lewis and Clark journey in 2003, Costello said. "President Clinton told me that he would like to be present for the grand opening

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## Tigers try to continue tradition

Funkhouser comes home to take helm at Edwardsville

By Greg Shashack  
 Staff writer

Tim Funkhouser grew up with Edwardsville High School baseball.

He followed the Tigers of the 1970s, coached by his dad, Bill, who took Edwardsville to the state tournament in his final season in 1980. He spent three seasons as an infielder on teams that compiled a 104-18 record, culminated by a senior season that produced an IHSA Class AA state championship in 1990.

He followed the Tigers from afar through the '90s, first as a team captain at Western Illinois University and then as the head coach at Triad the past three seasons.

And now, as Tim Funkhouser begins his first season as Tigers coach and is focusing on the future of Edwardsville baseball, he can't escape his past.

Discussion about 1999 inevitably leads to revisiting 1998's 40-0 state-title season.

"It comes with the territory," the 27-year-old Funkhouser says with a laugh. "Several people have talked about last year. And I never want the players to forget the memories they've had of last year or the memories of the past that have built the Tigers tradition."

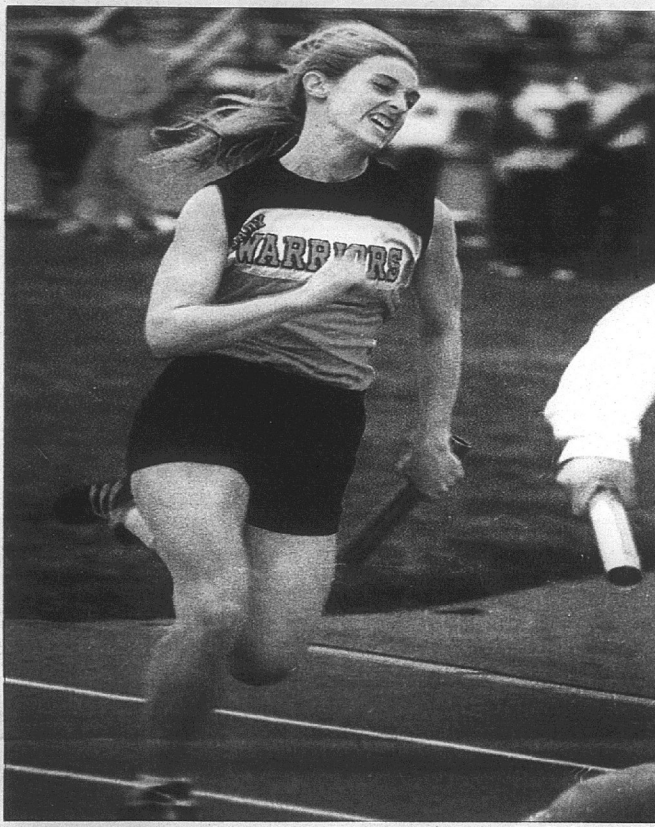
"But we also want to continue that Tigers tradition and understand that those teams got to that level by working on a daily basis. That's what we need to do this year."

Edwardsville has posted a 309-49 record that includes a state-record 64-game winning streak, two state titles and one runner-up finish in the past 10 years.

Retired coach Tom Pile, who put up a 509-149 record in 16 seasons as Tigers coach, orchestrated that run of dominance. And Pile's storybook departure after claiming his second state crown did not lack for timing.

Gone with the coach are 37 wins in pitchers Ben Hutton (7-0, 1.07 ERA), James Hutton (8-0, 1.18 ERA), Justin Hampton (7-0, 1.48 ERA) and Brad Grotenfeld (5-0, 1.00 ERA). Also gone

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Tim Stephenson photo

## On the run

The Granite City girls track team, fresh off a victory against Collinsville last Monday, was in action Saturday at the Southwestern Illinois Relays at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

## VanBuskirk feels at home in Bundesliga

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

Bavaria plucked a boomer from the steel shores to throw into the iron combat of the Bundesliga.

John VanBuskirk, a graduate of Granite City High School, is in the middle of the soccer season in Germany, a country rabid for its beloved football.

VanBuskirk, the son of Granite City basketball coach John VanBuskirk, graduated from Granite City in 1990. His soccer honors included all-state and all-American selections, and he was a part of two IHSA state championships.

His transition to Europe happened as

Granite City graduate has four goals for Regioniglia in German league

quick as a Mercedes flying smoothly down the Autobahn.

"I was playing soccer in Louisville (Ky.) when Paul Hahn, who is now my agent, called me up and wanted to see me play in Chicago," VanBuskirk said.

"The next day I drove to Chicago and played in a practice game. After the practice, Paul told me that I could go over to Germany and try out, but the bad thing was that I had to leave in two days. My parents were in Las Vegas at the time and they didn't

really know what was going on and I didn't have a clue what I was getting myself into, either. But as a kid, it's a dream to play over here in Europe. So I thought, 'Why not, take the chance?'"

Granite City coach Gene Baker was approached by Hahn and Adam Wambaugh about talent on the Warriors squad. Wambaugh first noticed Granite City's Sean Petroski, who is now playing overseas as well.

"The connection I've had with (Hahn), for both Sean and John, is a

guy by the name of Adam Wambaugh," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "Sean got attention from Adam in the state tournament and Adam kept calling me. We connected on Sean and they liked him and Adam kept begging me to get him somebody else. It was as if we were growing these kinds of big kids. I told him that there was no one here presently, but that there was one a little bit older than he was looking for, which was John."

"John was a great player here in our program, to say the least. He's a great young man who is a whale of a soccer player, but he's such a great overall athlete. He's got some size, he's got

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## Hubert signs letter with Trailblazers

Granite City senior will be key player for Warriors this spring

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

As an athlete at Granite City High School, senior soccer player Amber Hubert

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has made the Warriors boosters in at least one aspect. She has a knack for knocking off the school's rival.

"Amber Hubert has had, if I'm not mistaken, three game-winners over Collinsville," Granite City coach Gene Baker said.

"She has played all three thirds of the field for us, which makes her better prepared for a move up."

That move up is to college soccer. Last week Hubert signed a letter of intent to play at Lewis & Clark Community College next year.

"I'm excited," Hubert said. "I know (Lewis & Clark coach) Tim Rooney, I've met him a couple of times, and he's really a good coach from what I've heard."

So I'm really excited. He didn't say if I would get a chance to play at all. I don't think he's going to tell anybody, you're just going to have to go in and work your hardest."

"Tim and I are close friends and I knew that he would like her," Baker said. "She'll do well for him. And

"She can score. She does have good speed. When she is on, she can be very, very effective...."

Gene Baker  
 Granite City coach

Tim is a real easy guy to play for. He's a good guy, he knows the game and is rather patient and that will help her. She'll do well."

The Trailblazers have had an open pipeline to the Granite City girls soccer program for years. Staci Dowdy gravitated to Lewis & Clark five years ago. She was named an assistant to Coach Tim Strange at McKendree College earlier this spring. Tara Tomlinson, Rachel Kennerly, Jamie Hernandez and two-time all-American Roxy Simpson have also starred for the Trailblazers.

"That's what kind of encouraged me to go there. To know that a lot of girls from Granite City have gone there and they've done so well," Hubert said.

"Amber is a good passer and her skills can be used to start the offense as a setup player," Rooney said. "She

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# Collinsville blanks Comanches in season opener

By Chris Waldvogel  
Staff writer

It was just too much Kenny Lutz.

Collinsville's ace dominated Thursday as the Cahokias blanked Cahokia 9-0 in the season opener for both teams.

In six innings of work, Lutz allowed no hits, no walks and struck out 10. Collinsville's Dan Munoz pitched the seventh inning, allowing one hit to Cahokia first baseman Darius Smith before shutting the door.

"Lutz was really good today," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "And Munoz came in and ended

## Lancers, Maroons also win; Alton suffers setback

things. I was pleased with the defense. We made plays behind Kenny, and I was pleased with that."

Only one batter reached base while Lutz was on the mound. That happened in the fourth inning when leadoff hitter Ken Diers beat out a sharp grounder that glanced off first baseman Adam Embig's glove. Embig was charged with an error on the play.

Eric Kharabian's punt moved Diers to second base, but Lutz retired L.J. McIver

on a groundout and struck out Smith to end the inning.

Cahokia's defense, meanwhile, looked shaky and logged several wild pitches, passed balls and other throwing errors.

"They were a little nervous, I guess," Cahokia coach Joe Moore said. "Every time we play Collinsville, it seems like they have our number."

The teams tied in the regular season last year but the Cahokis eliminated Collinsville in the IHSAA Class AA postseason.

The outing displeased Moore, who thinks his team did not play to its potential. "There's really no acceptable reason," Moore said. "They were ready. They should have made some of those plays, simple routine plays. They just didn't do it. You come out sometimes and you make them and sometimes you don't, and we just didn't have it tonight."

Pitching also hurt Cahokia Starter Malcolm Henderson

threw only one-third of an inning before leaving the game. Henderson allowed one hit, three walks and hit a batter.

Pete Billups, however, stopped the bleeding. He whiffed two batters with the sacks jammed, and despite a rough inning, the Comanches only trailed by two.

But Collinsville broke through against Billups in the second frame. Lutz helped his own cause with an RBI single, and Munoz scored on a wild pitch.

McIver, who sat the Kahokis down in order in the third, finished the game. But he, too, fell victim to shoddy defense and timely hitting. The Kahokis scored two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Despite the outburst, McFall said only catcher Wayne Astrauskas — who went two for two with two walks, two doubles and 2 RBI — had a good day at the plate.

game. Belleville East blanked Waterloo Gibault 6-0 in the non-conference season opener for both teams Tuesday.

Triad pitcher Wayne Hubert gave the Knights five strong innings in a 4-1 non-conference victory against the Alton Redbirds Thursday afternoon in Alton. Hubert allowed just three hits and one run in his afternoon of work. The win was the first for new Triad coach Darrell Butler, who left his assistant post at Edwardsville to take the helm vacated by Tim Funkhouser, who became Edwardsville's varsity coach.

"I was working ahead in the count for most of the game," Hubert said. "I wasn't doing anything special. I just hit my spots."

Alton coach Mike Belim said the loss was a little disappointing. Belim said he knew Triad would be tough but saw room for improvement from his team.

"This was not what we wanted coming out of the gates," Belim said.

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## Tigers will try to continue tradition

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with the coach is the heart of last year's offense: Dave Crouters (.500, 24 RBI), Chad Opel (.453, 44 RBI) and Matt Evers (.421, 42 RBI).

The Tigers opened their season at home Friday when Chatham Glenwood, another Class AA state champion in the '90s, visited the Sports Complex. And while multiple holes in the lineup must be filled, finding any coaches shedding tears for the Tigers may prove difficult.

Edwardsville returns pitching coach Mike Waldo, whose presence Funkhouser calls "a great luxury," and boasts a bona fide ace in hard-throwing senior Nick Seibert, who has signed to play college baseball at Kansas.

Seibert hit .411 with 44 RBI and seven homers as the cleanup hitter and left fielder last season while posting a pitching mark of 2-4 with a 0.67 ERA in 21 innings. He will relinquish his outfield duties for a designated hitter role in '99.

Chris Johnson, a senior left-hander, will fill the No. 2 slot in the rotation after going 1-0 with a victory against Altoona in his only start a year ago.

Senior Ben Hosto, juniors Brett Zika, Jake Schuette, and Brett Zoelzer, and sophomores Aaron Skeesick, and Kyle Rickey also figure to get a look on the mound. Talented freshman Danny Jackson is practicing with the varsity and could work his way into the rotation later in the season. Junior Travis Riggs is the

catcher.

"The Tigers infield is solid, with three-year starter Matt Bogle (.337, 17 RBI) at third and Andrew Honegger (.333) at second. Tim Hansel will open at first base.

Sophomore Todd Spitzer will start at shortstop and bat leadoff, with Honegger, Bogle, Seibert and Hansel filling out the top five slots in the order.

Matt Turner (.291) will move from DH to left field and lead an outfield that has "not a lot of varsity at-bats aside from Turner," Funkhouser said.

Junior Beau Moody gets the call in center field, with senior Ryan Peterson in right.

Senior Mike Schaack, juniors Dan Tomczak and Joe Heavis, and Skeesick will also get looks in the outfield.

"We'll continue the evaluation process. We've been working it hard," Funkhouser said. "I think we'll see some lineup changes, definitely during the course of the year. But we pretty much have a foothold on what we should look like."

## Hubert signs with Lewis & Clark

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can distribute the ball early in the offense instead of having to do it all. She'll be utilized in a style more suited towards a ball-control offense without wasting her skills strictly as a defender."

But for now, Hubert's attentions will be on her final campaign at Granite City, which began Saturday at Gordon Moore Park against Alton.

"She is in much better physical condition than she was last year, so we expect real good things from her," Baker said. "She can score. She does have good speed. When she is on, she can be very, very effective because

she can be a rather unpredictable shooter and for a girl who is slight of build, she has some pretty good pop on the ball."

"She'll probably play up top on the wing for us, that's where she will start the season. The wing where she plays for us, she kind of has to get up and down and cover it all and we'll see what happens. But in different systems, she can play in the backfield because she attacks out of there pretty well. She is working on some of the other aspects of her game. She is starting to head the ball a little better than she had and she's a reasonable two-footed player for a girls program. This is a game competitor."

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## VanBuskirk feels at home playing soccer in Germany's Bundesliga

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ome speed, keeps himself fit, as some strength, he has agility, he has a good mental approach to any sport, which comes from his family. His dad, John, is a very good tennis player, basketball player, a good athlete period. His mother's family were all very strong athletes from the Granite City area. He is kind of the overall package.

"I convinced Adam to go see him and now John is really doing well. He really had done so well last year and then the program went down, but then he got a break and moved over to this other program. He needs a shot at the (United States) national team. John is a complete player. He plays all three thirds of the field — he scores, scores in the area, scores on the ground, he passes the ball quite well, and he plays great defense. While he still is young, he needs a good shot. I've always been very high on him, he's just such a great young man. John is very humble and he's a leader in your program, yet he's so cooperative and helpful to everybody.

VanBuskirk plays for Regionella, a third-division club sitting in third place, one spot away from rising into the second division at the end of the season. "Buzz," a nickname that has carried over from college, has four goals in seven games thus far. One of the greatest changes for VanBuskirk is the attention soccer receives in Germany. He found that spawned World War heroes like Franz Beckenbauer and Jurgen Klinsman.

"I have only seen one or two U.S. Major Soccer League games, so it's hard to say how they compare to this," VanBuskirk said. "Soccer is their only true major-league sport over here, whereas we have basketball, baseball, football and hockey. And they play all year-round. The German fans are like Chicago Blackhawks fans are at the beginning of the game for the national anthem, but the Germans are like that for 90 minutes. They hardly ever sit down and they never shut up.

They are always singing and dancing, which makes for a great atmosphere." The adjustment has hardly been limited to the soccer field. VanBuskirk has had to adapt to an entirely different culture.

"I always think of German society as all work and no play," VanBuskirk said. "It is so hard to meet people over here, because Germans aren't the most friendly, outgoing people, especially when you don't speak their language. And the last thing Germans want to do is speak English and screw it up.

"So I knew I had to learn the language if I was going to make any friends. I had a private teacher everyday for the first four months I was here. And it is so much easier to learn the language when you are living here. It was nothing like learning it in school."

Some things VanBuskirk carries from his high school days are his will to win and his strength of character to fight through adversity.

"One of the other big attributes he has as an athlete is that John can play hurt. He never makes excuses," Baker said. "When he is on it's incredible, but he's also your everyday player, he's going to come out and he's going to give you an effort at all times."

"That was a big tribute to him winning the state tournament when he was injured (as a senior). It was pretty much an inspiration to the rest of the team."

"My best memories of high

school were the two state titles," VanBuskirk said. "And as seniors, the only way to leave was with that state championship."

Like many sons of coaches that become great athletes, VanBuskirk spent a lot of time playing with the older kids, getting a taste for a higher level of competition.

"Every summer at the park, my dad used to have tennis lessons and right around the same time, the soccer team would be having little pick-up games," VanBuskirk said. "I think I was in sixth or seventh grade when I started playing with the high school guys and that was the first time I met Coach Baker. Since then, he has always wanted to help on and off the field. And now I couldn't respect him more."

VanBuskirk spends most of the year in his adopted homeland and makes the most of his opportunities to travel around Europe, but still gets back to the Steel City a few times a year.

"I get back to Granite City twice a year — three weeks at Christmas and three or four weeks in the summer," VanBuskirk said. "Two summers ago, I took three weeks and traveled around to Paris, London and Amsterdam. But this summer I am definitely coming home because my brother, Billy, is getting married and I wouldn't miss that for anything. I'm just going to take some time off with my parents and do some fishing."

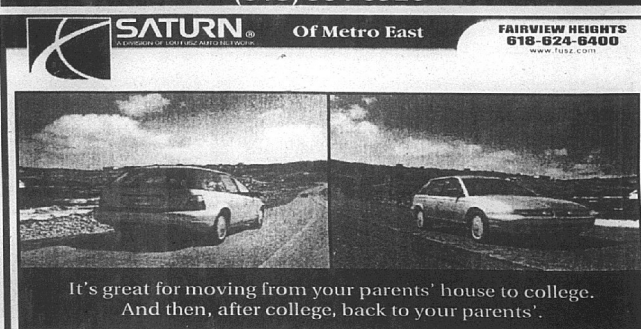


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## Parkway West student paper runs afoul of school principal

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

The staff of Parkway West High School's student newspaper has until the end of spring break to decide if it will redo the cover of the annual "Battle of the Sexes" satiric issue.

Distribution of the March 19 edition of the Pathfinder was halted at Principal Beth Plunkett's request after she received complaints from some students and school staff who considered words on the cover to be sexist and sensational.

Plunkett spoke with Pathfinder staff Thursday morning. She asked that the cover be redone by April 5, the day students return from spring break.

The paper's staff has started a petition drive to protest Plunkett's actions. The students have said they refuse to change anything. Jason Huff, a junior and reporter for the paper, said the cover was meant to be amusing and thought-provoking.

It shows a boy dressed as a cave man and a girl in an evening gown, above the title "Battle of the Sexes: Beauty vs. the Beast."

The boy's thoughts are

depicted as "What's wrong with her?" "Gotta be PMS," "Crotch itch, must scratch..." and "SEX, food, SEX, Zelds, SEX." The girl's thoughts are depicted as "Oooo, tofu and carrots for lunch today!" "It's Wednesday... time for Dawson's!" and "Bathroom break... where are the girls?" Dozens of students picketed in front of the school before classes started Thursday morning. Some held signs with such comments as "Warning: Freedom of Speech May Not Enter" and "Don't Censor Our Thoughts."

The staff's petition states, in part, "Our fundamental right to freedom, guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, is being threatened by the Parkway West High School administration."

Huff said some people may have taken the cover too seriously, not realizing it was "a satire poking fun at sexist stereotypes of the sexes toward each other."

The "Battle of the Sexes" edition has been published every spring for about six years.

Plunkett said the cover failed to meet school standards.

"The language in this year's 'Battle of the Sexes' edition

was sensational, sexist, sexually explicit and inappropriate in a high school curriculum," she said.

However, Plunkett said the tradition of no prior review of newspaper content will continue.

Terry Cottrell, the school's paper and yearbook faculty adviser, said she's debating whether to resign as adviser, though she would continue teaching English. She has advised the paper for 17 years.

"I don't feel the cover was inappropriate at all," Cottrell said.

She said the paper has won numerous awards, including, for 12 years in a row, a first-place ranking from the American Scholastic Press Association.

Plunkett said her confidence in Cottrell and the paper's staff "isn't shaken over this mistake." However, the newspaper is the product of a journalism class, not an independent publication or public forum, she said. She said the 1988 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeier made clear the ability of a school to censor and/or halt student publications.

The Supreme Court found in favor of Hazelwood East High School administrators who had deleted two pages of articles dealing with topics such as teen runaways and pregnancy from the May 13, 1983, issue of Spectrum, the school's paper.

H.L. Hall, faculty adviser of the Kirkwood High School student newspaper, the Kirkwood CALL, signed the Pathfinder staff's petition.

"Freedom of the student press is of vital importance at Kirkwood High," Hall said.



### Sharing his gift

Devione Burrell, a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church choir of Madison, sings a tune during GospelFest '99, held recently at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. Burrell leads the choir, which was one of several groups performing during Black History Month observances at the school. The event was sponsored by BAC's Minority Transfer Center.

## Bi-State sponsoring poetry competition

By Clayton Berry  
Staff writer

Budding Walt Whitmans and Emily Dickinsons may find their poetic work in some unusual places soon — inside local buses and Metrolink cars this summer.

Arts in Transit is sponsoring the annual Metrolink Poetry Contest. The program was formed by the Bi-State Development Agency.

The poetry contest is open to writers of all ages who live

within a 100-mile radius of the city. Three winning poems will be displayed in the advertising space of buses and Metrolink train cars this summer.

Emily Blumenfeld, community art manager for Arts in Transit, does not see poetry and mass transportation as such an odd combination.

"What could be better?" she asked. "It's a nice marriage actually. It gives our passengers something to think about while they're riding."

This is the fifth year for the poetry competition. Last year the contest received more than 400 entries. The effort is sponsored by The International Writers Center in the St. Louis and the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club in East St. Louis. For more information about the contest or the Arts in Transit program, call 982-1413.

Arts in Transit was formed in 1986 in an effort to get visual artists involved in the design of Metrolink, which was a first in the nation.

Blumenfeld said. Since then, the program has presented more than 50 original art pieces at Metrolink Stations and bus shelters.

The program also is active in improving areas surrounding the stations.

In addition to public recognition, poetry contest winners also can nab cash prizes. There are three age categories: up to 11, 12-17 and 18 and older. The top prizes range from \$50 to \$100.

Poets have until April 19 to submit their entries to: Poetry Contest, International Writers Center, Washington University Campus, Box 1071, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63105-2103. Winners will be contacted by May 15.

Poets should submit one unsigned, titled poem of up to 14 lines. They must be typed on an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper.

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Dorothy "Doty" Barnard, of West County, is director of the mission department for Unity Health at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA and chairman of its Task Force on Latin America. She was national secretary of the United Church Women United, a national board member/eccumenical delegate for the Methodist Commission on Interreligious Affairs and chair of the Thompson Center board.

She raised funds to help house patients who need residential care and treatment, for Presbyterian Children's Services.

Barnard is active in a health ministry in St. Louis, called Abraham's Children, a program of interfaith partnership.



June McAllister Fowler's volunteer service has benefited our community's youth, education, economic development, government and the environment.

Fowler, of the Central West End, is board chairman of the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis, and has served as a member of the executive committee and as a trustee.

She is vice president of the Metro St. Louis YWCA; St. Louis 2004 co-chairman; and serves on the boards of FOCUS St. Louis, St. Louis Council for Economic Development, Metro St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Public Schools, Philanthropic Partners, as Teachers and Incarnate Word Foundation.



Marsha Greenstreet, of Hillsboro, has been living in Jefferson County for 21 years and has never failed to give back to the community.

Former president of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and the Hillsboro Lions Club, Greenstreet was one of the founders of the Jefferson County Office of Economic Development. She also was a leader in the training program patterned after Focus St. Louis.

Greenstreet also serves on boards concerned with the Jefferson County On-Line Information Network and the individual and family services of the Jefferson County, the county's mental health-care provider.



Mary Ann Krey, of Ladue, is owner of Krey Distributing Co., the Anheuser-Busch wholesaler for St. Charles and Lincoln counties.

Among her current and former activities are the Leadership Cabinet, St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the Alzheimer's Foundation, for the Special Education of Children; and 1999-2000 chairwoman of the Art Museum Board of Trustees. She is founding chairwoman, Women's Leadership Giving Initiative, and

Krey was Variety Club Woman of the Year; she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Washington University's Olin School of Business and the Distinguished Achievement Society award for outstanding Olympic Service.

# Journals, KMOX honor 10 community volunteers

The awards will be presented to the 1999 winners during a luncheon ticketed May 3 at the Ritz-Carlton. Reservations for the luncheon (lunch, \$30) are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis by sending a check to Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. The deadline for reservations is April 24. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No other reservations and payment for the group should be made at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a particu-

The Women of Achievement honored at last year's luncheon are: Mary Randolph Ballinger, volunteer, St. Thomas community betterment; Margaret A. Darr, lifetime achievement; Karerene Dugal, responsibility; Barbara Eagleton, cultural enrichment; Joan Lipic, volunteer leadership; Sister Mary Jean Ryan, civic responsibility; Dr. Grace Shen Lo, international awareness; Deatrice Wright, community service.

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Jackie Joyner-Kersey, of St. Louis, excelled at track and basketball at East St. Louis Lincoln High School. She was a dominant figure in the long jump and heptathlon at the University of California. She was a three-time All-American graduate in the top 10 percent of her class. Joyner-Kersey has six Olympic medals - three gold, two bronze and one silver.

She is a world and Olympic record holder in the heptathlon and a world record holder in the long jump and 50- and 60-meter hurdles.

She started the JJK Youth Center Foundation in 1983 to provide college scholarships and develop leadership programs in urban areas.



Lorri Latimer, of O'Fallon, Mo., founded the Gault Foundation in 1996 to provide health services for the needy in St. Charles and Lincoln counties.  
 Latimer was chairman in 1995 of the first Walktoberfest, benefiting the American Diabetes Association in St. Charles County.  
 She is president of Vision St. Charles Leadership, a merger of Vision West and Leadership St. Charles County.  
 Other community involvements include ADA president; co-chairman of the health and environment task force for the St. Charles County Master Plan 2010; Chambers of Commerce in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri; and the St. Charles County Chamber of Health; and Hispanic Educational and Cultural Fund.



Janet Becker, of the Central West End, has given her time, leadership and drive to advocate for and help create affordable housing for low-income individuals in the St. Louis area.

She helped create and is on the board of directors of the St. Louis Housing Production Corporation and Adequate Housing for Missourians.

Becker has created, staffed and raised funds for the Rental Assistance Loan Fund for AFH. This fund provides rental assistance for so many low-income individuals may obtain decent, safe and affordable housing.

She also was instrumental in creating both the Housing Resources for Seniors of St. Louis County and the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.



Judy Galt of Creve Coeur, helped establish the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. She chaired the first committee to train volunteers to lead tours. Today, it runs more than 300 guided tours annually.

She has supported the Miriam School, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Technion University, Jewish Federation, Jewish Book Festival, Logos School, Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Services, and Repertory Theatre.

Permanent memorials such as the Holocaust Museum, the new Miriam School, the goat yard in her name at the Children's Zoo and the Galt Sanctuary in the St. Louis Zoo are testaments to Galt's generosity.



Virginia "Jinny" Doody Klein, of Richmond Heights, created the Neighborhood Scholarship Program before creating the Entrepreneurship Leadership Institute, of which she is the present executive director.

The institute is a unique partnership between corporations and Catholic elementary schools.

Klein served as a member of the National Epilepsy Foundation and the St. Louis Epilepsy Foundation boards. She served on the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Core Team and the Archdiocese Development Council.

Paula Jo Paul's recent visit to St. Louis, Klein recruited, trained and managed 8,200 volunteers.

A black and white portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored top and a necklace. This is Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover.

Peggy Ritter's volunteerism has included fund raising and board membership on a variety of cultural and medical institutions.

Ritter, of Creve Coeur, has been a member of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Guild board for more than 20 years.

She is president of the St. Louis Zoo Friends board. Ritter has been a member of the Dance St. Louis board, and of the organization's executive committee.

Ritter, who is also on the Louis Sciented Center for Gaia board, was elected to the St. Louis Zoo Friends board in 1995 and has served since then as a member of the Center's Development Executive Committee.

Ritter is on the board of the Sheldon Arts Foundation, and the St. Louis University Women's Council.

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**By Tom Strongman**

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These new V-8s are terrific. Our test truck, a 1500 LS with four-wheel drive, was equipped with the 5.3, clearly my favorite. Kick it into first and you're off. The truck is quiet, even with a cattle prod. It gathers speed quickly and with a minimum of vibration, thanks to a more rigid engine block design. Engine lovers will delight in its slightly raspy voice, while those who will appreciate its ability to carry 3,000 pounds.

The automatic transmission now features a

Our test vehicle also was equipped with the Autotrac active transfer case. Chevrolet describes it as a "standby four-wheel-drive system" that distributes power to the rear wheels until slippage occurs, at which time torque, or driving force, is transferred to the front wheels to balance traction needs. Autotrac is handy for

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**By Rick Stoff**

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fic-record systems. It is hoped that data collected by these systems will enable regulators to do a better job of addressing safety issues. Illinois received \$25,000 to plan its record system. Missouri received \$63,100 to initiate implementa-

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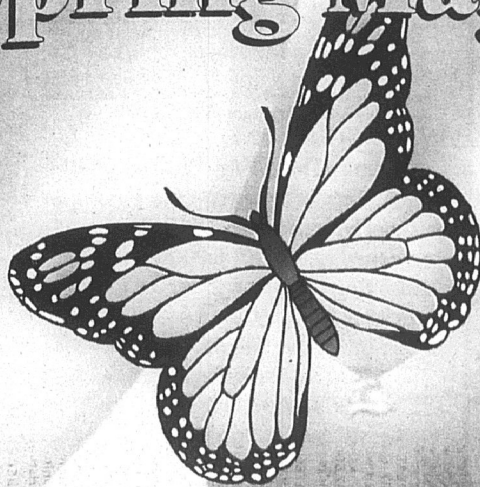
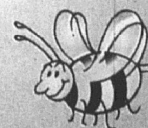






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# Spring weather fascinates local 'watcher'

John Miller has been keeping weather statistics for 30 years

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

John Miller is a "weather watcher."

The Lebanon resident has been keeping weather statistics for more than 30 years and his statistics are now part of meteorological history.

A salesman with Sigma Chemical in St. Louis, Miller has been sharing his data with the National Weather Service for the past three years.

The NWS has daily weather observations dating back to the 1700s, Miller said.

Temperatures and precipitation are just some of the daily logging Miller does and transmits each month to the NWS via ROSA, a national computer network for Remote Observation Sites of America.

While the NWS has "storm spotters" in several communities, after Scott Air Force Base and Belleville, Miller's station in Lebanon is the last to the east until Mount Vernon, he said.

A recent storm that brought strong winds, heavy rains and even some hail to the area had different effects in various communities. "In 25 minutes it dumped almost an inch of rain (in Lebanon), 1.22 (inches) at Scott (Air Force Base) and toward Mascoutah, about a quarter of an inch," Miller said.

Such variations aren't uncommon, Miller said. For example, Lebanon usually gets 30 to 40 percent more rain than SAFB; the Collinsville/Granite City area generally gets twice the rainfall logged at Lambert-St. Louis

International Airport, he said.

For all of the technological advances in weather reporting like Doppler radar and satellites, Miller still has some tried and true "back-ups" in the form of a plastic and a metal rain gauge. His father, who lives nearby, uses a more primitive model.

"He's got a coffee can," Miller said. "It does pretty good. His (rain measure) will equal mine about nine times out of 10."

Of all the seasons, spring is the most volatile.

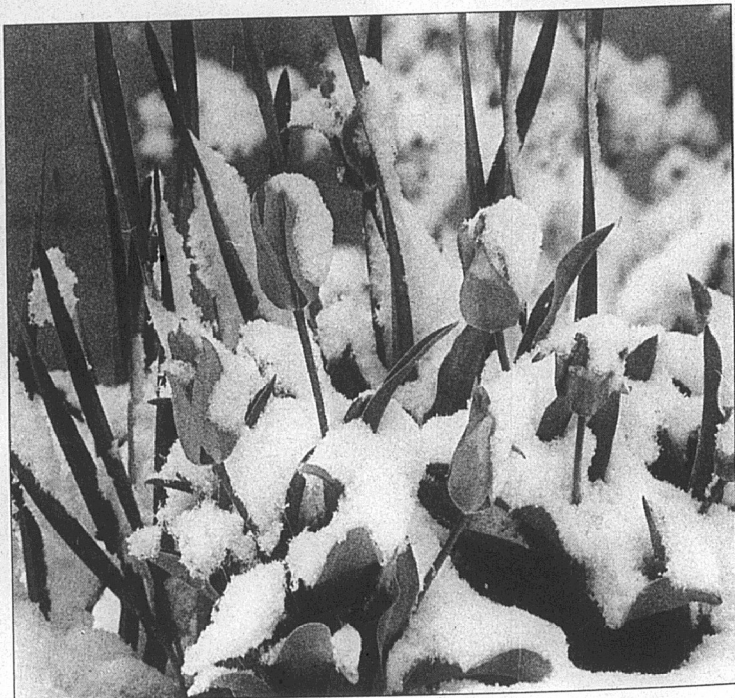
"Storms can come out of nowhere," Miller said. "And in our area, the Mississippi River valley, there's 'Tornado Alley,' Missouri and Illinois are on the edge of the most severe part of it."

Miller said the worst storms tend to come from the Potosi and Farmington areas in Missouri and whirl their way into the St. Louis region. While he watches the weather and has occasionally considered becoming a "storm chaser," that's one thing people should not do.

"Never drive into one," Miller said. "Get out of the car and into a ditch, if you can't get to cover."

Spring is also a season for drastic temperature changes.

"One morning you wake up



Late snows aren't uncommon, as this photo from April 1997 demonstrates. The white stuff covered spring tulips on Clay Street in Collinsville.

and you hear the forecast is 40 or 50 (degrees) and it ends up below freezing that night with ice on the ground," Miller said.

After accurately predicting a "zero inch" snowfall for

March 12 and 13, when forecasts ranged from four to 12 inches, Miller said he was convinced that winter already had had its last hurrah.

"I had a feeling (the storm) would move south and 20 miles south of Lebanon, they got five

inches of snow," Miller said.

Miller said that April 5 is about the latest for a snowfall though it wasn't uncommon to see it in June a century ago. He predicts that this spring will be a little warmer and a little wetter.

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# Rush to fitness not productive

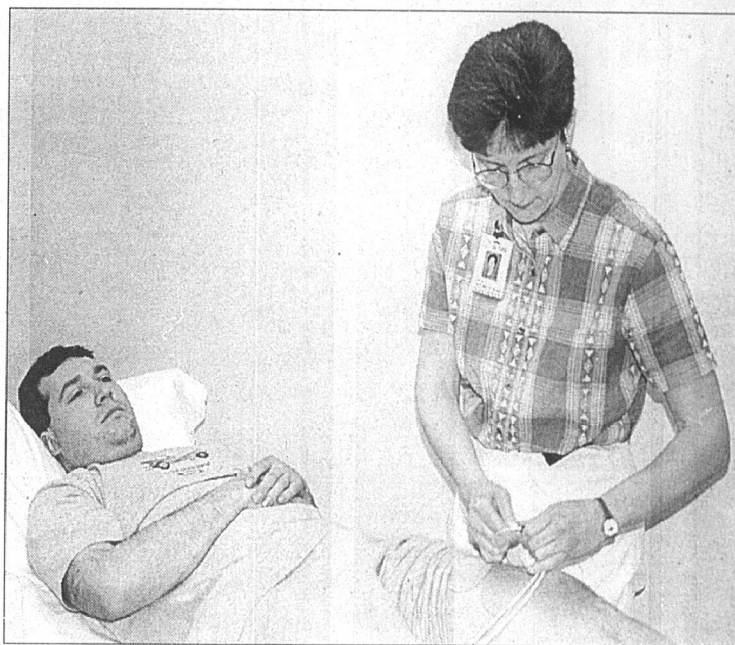
## Many risk injuries through sudden increase in activity

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

In the mad rush to resume

outdoor activities, too many people find themselves sidelined with overuse injuries during the spring.

"This is the time of year we begin to see overuse injuries to ankles, knees, shoulders and backs," said Carla Buzan, a physical therapist with St. Elizabeth's Health Services Sports Medicine and Physical



Alene Hill photo

Physical therapist Carla Buzan treats Ron Strong for a knee injury at St. Elizabeth's Health Services Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy in Collinsville. Knee injuries are among many often encountered by those trying to do too much too soon in the spring.

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"Everyone gets anxious to get back to outdoor activities," she said. Regardless of whether it's walking, jogging, cycling, playing golf, or getting back in the garden, Buzan's advice to anyone resuming activities after winter is to start slowly, know their physical limitations, and stop at the first sign of pain — if not sooner.

"Injury can be prevented if a person has worked out during the winter. But everyone should be cautious, setting a time limit on the activity," she said. "Maybe playing nine holes of golf instead of 18, and using the appropriate equipment, including footwear."

Before activities, Buzan recommends a five- to 10-minute warm-up that includes stretching or walking, activity that builds up the

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**Carla Buzan**  
Physical therapist

cardiovascular system.

After exercising, a five- to 10-minute cool down, slowing down the activity.

If injury occurs, usually signaled by pain, tingling, swelling, weakness, or stiffness, Buzan recommends the "PRICE principle."

First, "P" is to protect the injury and "R" to rest the area. "I" is for ice used for the first 48 to 72 hours. "C" is to Compress the area with a wrap, such as an ace bandage, and "E" stands for elevation which, in the case of legs and ankles, puts the injured limb

above the heart.

"Of course, you can expect some soreness at the beginning of any activity program," she said. "But people can pace themselves and gradually increase the activity after injury or when dealing with soreness."

Stretching is another important part of any activity, because flexibility reduces the likelihood of injury. But she warns that "bouncing" during stretching is not recommended.

"Stretch gently for 15 to 30 seconds and stretch equally on both sides, or front to back," she said.

Buzan said a physician should determine the severity of an injury and can prescribe any necessary anti-inflammatory medication.

But avoiding injuries starts long before the exercise does.

"I think the emphasis should be on prevention," she said. "And sometimes that means just starting out slowly."

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Shirley Valencia photos

Hillary Sanders of Granite City shows off some spring fashions at the Granite City Glik's store.

# Spring fashion emphasizes capris, twins and pastels

**By Angie Huels**  
**Correspondent**

**What's new for spring?**  
When it comes to fashion,  
it's capris, pastels, and twin  
sets.

These are three essential ingredients to any updated spring wardrobe.

Capris, once known as pedal pushers, offer a youthful, casual look.

Pastels are common to spring, but this year you will find them in brighter tones like coral and aquamarine.

The twin sets of winter can also be found this spring.

"We have both long and short sleeve shells, which makes our twin sets very popular," said Gyla Donahue of Fashion Bug in Collinsville, 501 Belt Line Road. "Winnie the Pooh items including T-shirts, shortalls, and swimwear are selling fast."

Donahue said shortalls are a casual "must have" this spring.

The most popular fabrics this season include linen and a polyester and spandex blend.

Yes, polyester is back in fashion. This 94 percent

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**Gyla Donahue**  
Fashion Bug employee

polyester and 6 percent spandex fabric clings with its long and short skirts.

Empire waist dresses continue to be in fashion this season, especially in bright pastels like blue, pink, and

coral.

New York-based Fashion Planet, an award winning web site, offers a comprehensive view of everything that is

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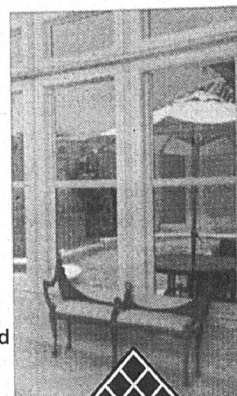
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# Restoration project set at Seivking Garden

## Ponds will be restored to original 1930s design

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

Visitors to Seivking Garden in Granite City's Wilson Park will witness the first of three phases of a major restoration of the garden this year.

Dave Polivick, Granite City's director of parks and recreation, said the first phase, under the guidance of local landscape designer Steve Arbeiter, will begin soon. The entire project is expected to take around two years.

"We've been getting ready

all fall and winter for the project," Polivick said. "Depending on the weather, we will be ready to begin by early summer."

Polivick said the renovation will include restoring ponds as well as the paths their water took in an original design from nearly 60 years ago.

"We are using old drawings and photographs for the design Mr. (Ernest) Seivking used when he designed the garden," Polivick said. "And we gave the challenge to restore it to Steve Arbeiter, a Granite City



Alene Hill photo

The "Walk of Memories" greets visitors to Wilson Park in Granite City.

native."

Polivick said the garden, which occupies nearly three fourths of an acre in the park, was modeled after gardens Seivking, a Granite City resident, saw when he visited Europe in the 1930s.

Polivick said the garden will not be closed during the renovation.

"We have so many people who get married (there), and it's a tradition for the local kids to take pictures at the gazebo," he said.

Polivick said the tulip

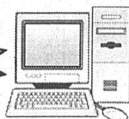
garden should be in full bloom sometime in April.

"This is a beautiful park," he said. "We've had many people refer to it as the East Side Botanical Gardens."

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## Flood watchers keep eye on river

Rains in Minnesota quickly affect level of Mississippi River here

By Ande Yakstis  
Staff writer

Flood watchers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are keeping a close eye on the Mississippi River for signs of spring flooding.

"We're monitoring the river gauges all day from the Alton locks to Minneapolis to watch for any rises in the river

levels," said Ray Kopsky Jr. of the Corps office in St. Louis.

A crew in the Corps water control office is watching for heavy rains in the upper Mississippi River which could push the water above flood level at Alton.

One year ago Tuesday, more than 4 inches of rain in Minnesota suddenly caused the river to rise to 23.3 feet at Melvin Price Locks and Dam — 2.3 feet above flood stage.

"We're looking at radar, weather reports and river level gauges along the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri rivers," said Kopsky, an experienced flood watcher at the Corps office. The river levels have remained normal this month at Alton, Grafton and Hardin, despite water runoff from melting snows in the upper Mississippi.

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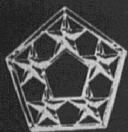
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### Spring fun

Shannon Fowler, 7, of Granite City, enjoys mild spring weather during a visit to Wilson Park in Granite City.

# Southwestern Illinois now popular vacation destination

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

The word is out. Spring and summer travelers who want to take advantage of a variety of activities within a few hours' drive need look no farther than southwestern Illinois.

"We have had a steady increase of visitors here in the last five years," said Mark Westhoff, president of Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau. "I think people are finding out all we have to offer in the area, and you can visit St. Louis and stay on this side of the river."

Westhoff said statistics collected by the United States Travel Data Center from counties across the country verify an influx of visitors to the region.

He credits the variety of activities in the eight county region the Bureau serves that includes most of Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Fayette, Bond, Clinton, Washington, and Randolph counties with the increase.

"And we have marketed to people outside the region, as far as 300 miles away, about all we offer," he said. "That has had an amazing effect."

Although activities and events are scheduled year-round, in the spring and summer the number of offerings increases.

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**Mark Westhoff**  
Tourism president

From a community yard sale in Prairie du Rocher to antique shows and golf scrambles, the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau has a listing of events for everyone.

In addition to weekly events, the Bureau also lists yearly and monthly events, such as farmer's markets in summer months, sailboat regattas, and concert series.

Anyone interested in the 1999 Calendar of Events can stop in the office at 10950 Lincoln Trail or call the Bureau at 397-1488 or (800) 442-1488.

Information is also available on the Internet at [www.illinoisouthwest.org](http://www.illinoisouthwest.org).

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## WalkAmerica slated for April 24

The 29th annual WalkAmerica, a fund-raising event for the third-largest volunteer health agency in the nation, will be held April 24 at three locations in the Metro East: Melvin Price Park in

Belleville, Edwardsville Middle School and Gordon Moore Park in Alton. Registration at all three sites starts at 8 a.m., with the official start at 9 a.m. "Our goal for this year is to raise \$40,000 in Belleville with

700 walkers, \$55,000 in Edwardsville with 800 walkers and \$39,000 in Alton with 600 walkers," said Patti Berchoff, Metro East division director for the Greater Missouri Chapter of the March of Dimes. "Each year we try to increase our numbers by 5 percent from the previous year."

"WalkAmerica started with one walk in Ohio and now it's in 1,500 communities nationwide. We raised about \$75 million last year. Chapter-wide, we hope to raise \$1.2 million this year after raising \$1 million last year."

Many aspects of WalkAmerica haven't changed since its inception, but there have been some refinements.

"Years ago, it used to be 20 to 25 miles because it was a pledge walk, where people pledged a certain amount on money for every mile a person walked," Berchoff said. "But eight or nine years ago, it became a pre-paid walk so we could shorten it."

"The average distance is about 6 and a half miles, although Belleville has a new route this year and is a little longer at seven miles."

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Flowers are in bloom at Schermer's Garden Shop in Madison.

## Perennials gaining favor

But annuals still have a place, shop owner says

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

In the 20 years Bill Schermer has worked in the family-owned garden shop his father started in 1964, he has witnessed change brought on by the gardening craze.

"I would say the popularity of perennials is the biggest change industry wide."  
But it's not just the perennials that has changed, he said. The customers are more savvy about gardening and what they want to

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## Herb garden began as gift

But Carol Darling's special plants are now major project

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

Collinsville resident Carol Darling's passion for herbs began with a birthday gift from her son and her husband.

"My son started the (herb) garden with plants," she said.

"And my husband, Pat, bought the wood we used for the borders."

Darling, a Collinsville native, was no stranger to gardening when she turned her attention to herbs. For as long as she can remember, she said gardening has been a part of her life.

"My dad loved gardening and flowers. I grew up digging in the garden with him," she said.

Darling's herb garden began as a plot of "the usual everyday herbs," and grew into an informal, partitioned herb garden, with a wide variety of plants used for cooking and for dried flower arrangements.

An entire quarter of her partitioned garden is devoted to different species of the aromatic annual basil plant, an herb Darling uses in summer recipes, especially tomato dishes, and for pesto.

She also uses the stems in dried flower arrangements.

Another section features sage, which is also used in recipes and whose textured leaves work well in dried flower arrangements.

Several varieties of thyme occupy another section all its own.

It was hard-earned wisdom, Darling said, that taught her to confine invasive, fast-growing herbs like mint and tansy in a container, although she's quick to point out their practical application is worth the trouble.

"Tansy is wonderful as an ant repellent," she said. "When someone tells me they are having a problem with ants, I always bring a little tansy and it does the job."

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Carol Darling

balm, are favorites because they attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Darling mixes the red variety with lambs ear, a soft, fuzzy plant early colonists reportedly used as bandages. "The combination of those two together is wonderful," she said.

Darling, a school nurse in Mascoutah, said that she learned about herbs and their use in the usual gardener's fashion, by trial and error.

"But it also helped when I joined the (Belleville Area College) herb club," she said.

"And then the Collinsville Herb Club began. It always helps talking to other people."

As Darling's garden grew, her husband and son continued to make contributions to the project, too.

At an auction she attended with her husband, Carol found piles of bricks and flat rocks.

"I was interested in the bricks," she said. "But then I always wanted a stone wall."

It took a while, but a low stone wall, built by Carol and Pat, is now a part of her yard, along with a trellis, made by her son, and a bench contributed by her brother.

So, when anyone asks how Carol Darling's garden grows, it has grown with plenty of work from an entire family.

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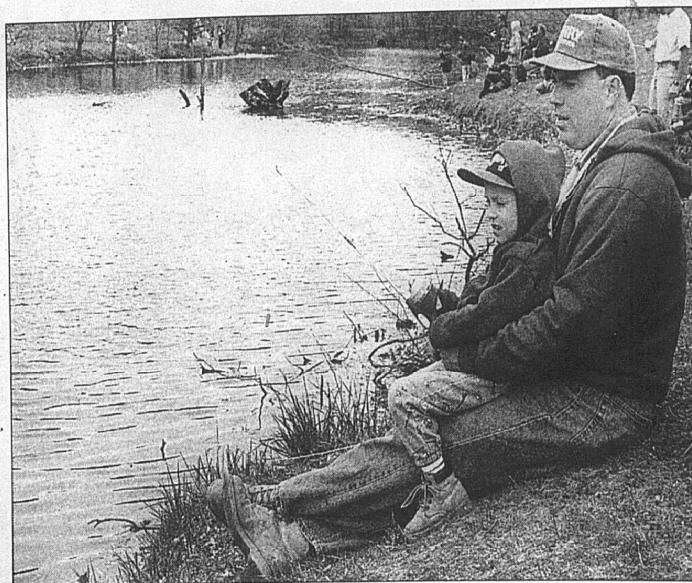
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Keith Throm and his son Collin of Collinsville, above, wait for a bite at Buffalo Park in Maryville in this scene from 1997. At left, Gary Clark of Troy shows off a fish he caught from a spring fishing trip from the past.

# Ready to reel 'em in? Fishing license easy to get

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

Fishing enthusiasts eagerly waiting for spring weather can apply for fishing licenses in a variety of ways.

Capt. Mark Otis of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources said fishing enthusiasts can apply for a license at sporting stores, the Conservation office or online.

"And they can buy a combination hunting and fishing license, or even a fishing license for a day," he said.

Anyone 16 or older is required to have a fishing license to fish in Illinois, he said.

The cost for a yearly license is \$13, which can be charged to a credit card using an application on the Internet.

The Web address is <http://dnr.state.il.us>.

Officials report that some local lakes are ready for the season.

Collinsville Area Recreation District Executive Director Mark Badasch said restrictions at Woodland Park follow state regulations.

"They have to have a license if they are 16 years old, but there are no restrictions or limits on how much they can catch," Badasch said.

At Caseyville Park, Phil Carlton, superintendent of streets and parks, said the two lakes there are ready for Caseyville residents.

Caseyville Park allows pole and line fishing only. Anglers are restricted to a limit of two catfish and two bass of 15 inches or more in length.

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Mark Badasch  
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# Early spring not too early for some gardening chores

Cleaning up beds, other work will pay dividends later, expert says

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

For gardeners, the time between the arrival of the first garden catalog in December and the first spring blooms can be the longest time of the growing season.

But Ken Noll, owner of Garden Kingdom at Main Street and Illinois 157 in Glen Carbon, said that while it's too early to begin planting, it's not too early to begin some garden chores.

"This is the best time to do cleanup work in flower beds and to mulch before too many spring blooms make it difficult to work around," he said.

"It's also a good time to prune broken stems before leaves begin coming out."

Cleaning beds now is especially important if gardeners use leaves in the fall to mulch flower beds.

"Leaves can get matted down during the winter and suffocate plants beginning to grow," Noll said.

Noll said now is also a good time to plant trees or even transplant while perennials are still dormant, as long as the soil is not too wet.

"When the soil is very wet and saturated, it's too difficult to get rid of air pockets (when planting)," he said.

Noll said this year's mild, wet winter may have spared plants winter damage from sudden harsh cold blasts or ice

that characterize some midwestern winters.

"I think we may have gotten lucky this year," he said.

This is also a good time, depending on the variety, to start seeds indoors for planting in mid-April after danger of frost, he said. The Garden Kingdom offers seeds and seed-starting containers for those who enjoy getting a jump on the growing season.

Noll, who earned his degree in landscape architecture from the University of Illinois, opened his distinctive garden center — easily located by the silo painted to look like a castle — a year ago in May.

In addition to gardening supplies from plants to fertilizers, Garden Kingdom is also the home base for Noll's landscaping business.

"And we're already booking people who are anxious to begin landscaping," he said.

While cool weather bedding plants such as pansies, are in stock, perennials and bedding plants should be arriving, depending on the weather, by April.

And this year, Garden Kingdom will offer a new line — Perennials of Bressingham.

But regardless of weather, visitors can always browse through the Garden Kingdom gift shop.

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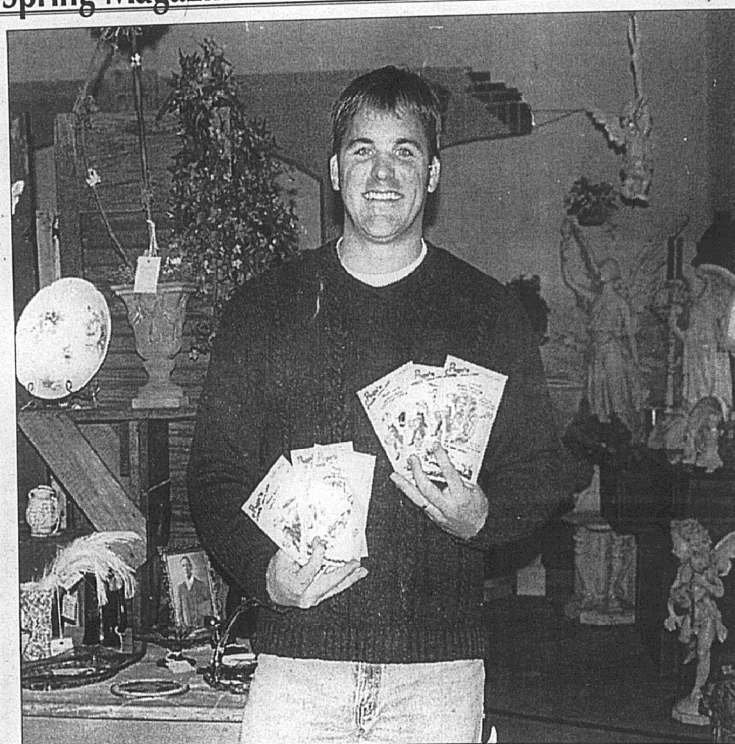
## Fashion stresses capris, pastels

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Ken Noll displays seeds available at Garden Kingdom.

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# Fletcher Field rededication planned for June 19

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

Another chapter in the history of Arthur Fletcher Field in Collinsville will culminate on June 19, when it will be rededicated.

Details of the celebration are still being ironed out, but several members of Fletcher's family living in California, including his daughters, Jean McCasland and Betty Odell, will be on hand for the occasion, said Steve Helmkamp, Collinsville Area Recreation District board member who has helped

**"We know we will have a reception and we're planning on having an American Legion game in the evening. But we still haven't worked out all the details."**

Steve Helmkamp

organize the field's extensive facelift.

"We know we will have a reception and we're planning on having an American Legion game in the evening," he said. "But we still haven't worked out all the details."

The rededication caps a

seven-year renovation project on the field, located in Woodland Park.

It's a project that couldn't have been completed without the generosity of people in the community, said Dave Muniz, CARD vice president who also worked on the

project.

"There are so many people who donated time, materials, money, and who bought the memorial seats," Muniz said. "This would have cost twice as much without everybody donating their help. It was a community effort."

The Pinch Hitters Club began fund-raising efforts to replace the fence around the park, sodded the dirt infield, and provided an irrigation system.

Signs were placed on the fence to help fund other restoration projects.

Eventually, a grandstand was built and 242 seats salvaged from Busch Stadium renovation a couple of years ago were installed.

In addition to new seating, a new net backstop replaced the old chainlink backstop, and new batting cages and dugouts were built. A press box was built from donated materials.

Anyone wanting to help with renovation can purchase memorial seats for a contribution of \$100 each.

Fletcher, a Collinsville native, played shortstop for the New York Giants and finished

his playing career with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1922. His career included more than 1,500 games, with 1,534 hits while batting .277. He also played in four World Series.

From 1923 through 1926 he managed the Philadelphia Phillies. In 1927 he became third base coach for the powerful New York Yankees, a job he held until his retirement from the game in 1945. He also coached in 10 World Series.

He married another Collinsville native, Irene Dieu. Fletcher died on a trip to California in 1950. Arthur and Irene Fletcher are buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

Arthur Fletcher Field was built by WPA workers in the 1930s and was named for Fletcher in 1950.

With Collinsville Kahoks varsity baseball team and the American Legion team and Junior team beginning baseball season at the field, there's plenty of opportunity to see the field in use.

For more information on the memorial seat project, call Muniz at 345-0014 or the CARD office at 346-PLAY.

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## Perennials gain favor among gardeners

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**"Everybody wants the plant. Customers know more," he said. "It's totally different than it was and it keeps getting bigger."** But the surge in popularity in perennials, and the number of different hybrids that increase every season, doesn't mean Schermer's, located at 1201 Madison Ave. in Madison, can ignore the market for annuals, he said.

"Everybody wants the perennials, and the newest hybrids," he said.

"But they still want annuals, in all colors, to fill in when the perennials aren't blooming for constant color in gardens," he said.

In addition to annuals, perennials, and bulbs, Schermer's offers a selection of vegetables, trees and bushes.

"We already have the early spring vegetables: cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and

cauliflower," he said.

Schermer and his business partner Gail Lipe, who is his sister, will be stocking a variety of perennials ready for planting in April.

Easter begins the seasonal hours. Monday through Friday, the store will be open 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Metamorphosis makes sense to students — firsthand

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

This spring, the 24 students in Sally Herzberger's kindergarten class at Maryville School will be able to observe the wonders of nature firsthand.

"You can tell kids about metamorphosis, about how it happens. But they will be able to watch the process of caterpillars turning into butterflies before their eyes and they can't wait."

Herzberger gets the caterpillars from a mail order company called Insect Lore, Inc. About six caterpillars are shipped with their own box and food.

The length of time for the caterpillars to change, she said, is difficult to determine

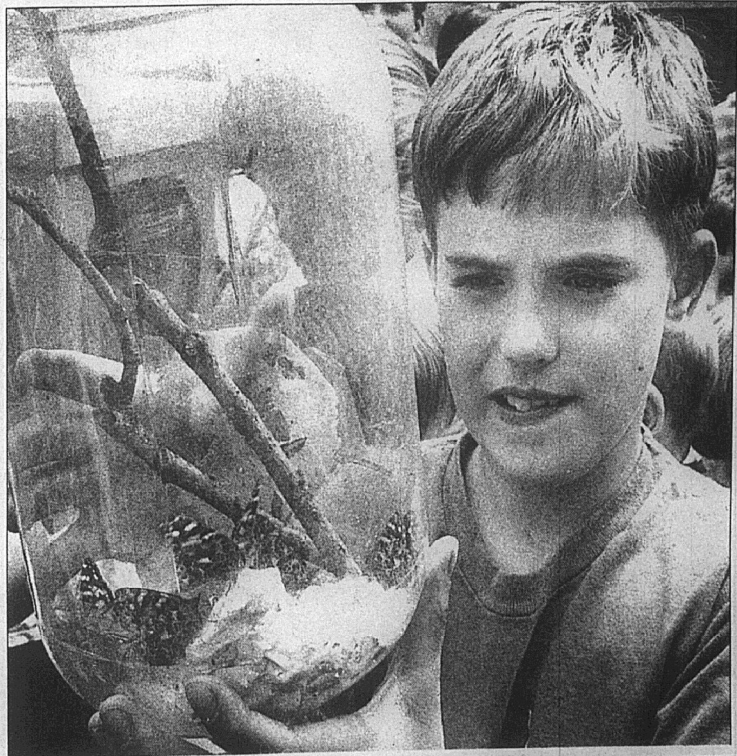


Jerry Williams of Collinsville takes a close look at his butterfly.

and depends on how old the caterpillars are.

But after they have completed the transformation, the experiment is always concluded the same way.

"After the caterpillars have become butterflies, we always set them free," she said.



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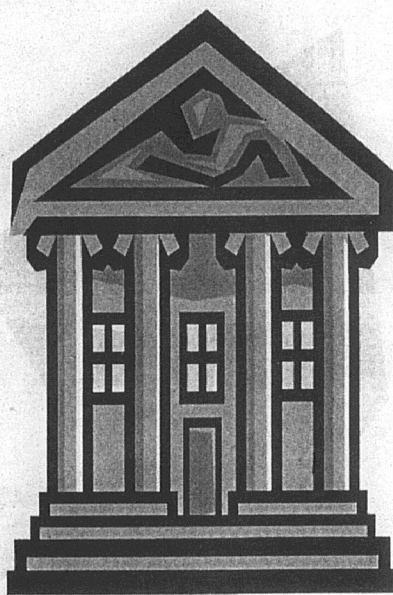
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